

Pacific Packet Radio Society
P. O. Box 51562
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Mr. Paul Rinaldo, W4RI
American Radio Relay League
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Dear Paul:

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Packet Radio Society on March 21st, 1985, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas the Pacific Packet Radio Society was one of the first societies formed specifically to encourage the growth of computer networking via radio using all digital concepts and techniques, and whereas the San Francisco area was the site of the nation's first amateur digipeater, and whereas an even greater challenge faces the amateur radio community to establish a transcontinental link, the Pacific Packet Radio Society has decided to establish a unique award to encourage the completion of the first terrestrial transcontinental network link. This one-time award shall be known as the "Golden Packet" award, and the regulations relating to it are listed below:

1. A transcontinental link must be established, with each terminus located within 100 kilometers of either the Atlantic or Pacific Ocean.
2. The system must consist of fixed terrestrial digital store-and-forward radio links using VHF (greater than 144.1 MHz.), UHF or microwave frequencies. Use of HF, satellite, tropo, met scat or moonbounce channels is prohibited.
3. A valid two-way transmission and acknowledgement of previously unknown information (256 characters or more) must occur in real time (less than ten minutes).
4. This competition is open only to validly licensed North American amateurs, and no commercial links or services may be utilized in the path. Club stations are permitted.
5. Proof of the exchange must be adequately documented and submitted to the PPRS. Proof must include a list of the stations in the link, their locations, frequencies used, and a copy of the text exchanged.
6. The reward shall consist of a suitably engraved plaque with the names of all participating stations listed which shall be presented to the ARRL. Each participating station shall receive either a plaque or a certificate.
7. Final decision on the award is subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors of the Pacific Packet Radio Society.

Respectfully submitted,

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